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GILES, Thomas Huskinson, first counselor in the presidency of the Wasatch Stake, Wasatch Co., Utah, from 1877 to 1901, was born Aug. 6, 1821, at East Bridgeford, Nottinghamshire, England, a son of William Giles and Sarah Huskinson. He was baptized in 1849 in England, and ordained a High Priest and sustained as first counselor in the Wasatch Stake presidency July 15, 1877, by Franklin D. Richards. He died June 4, 1903.
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